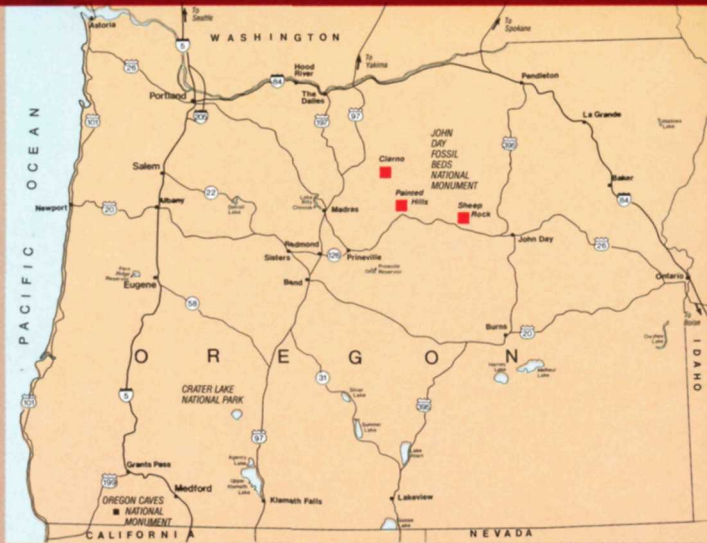
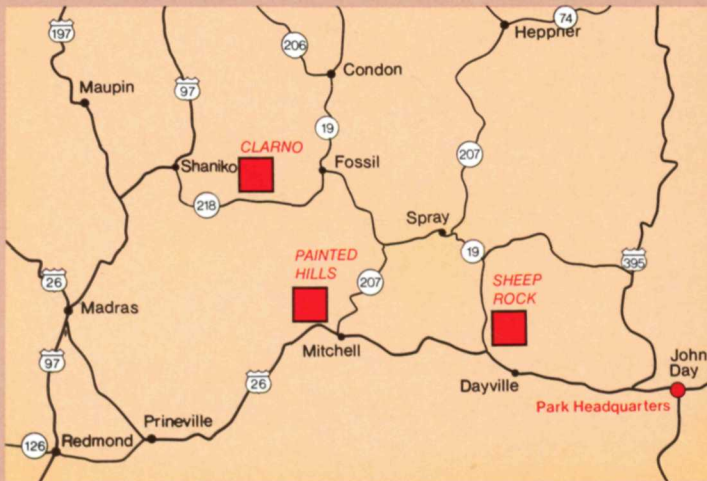


# Explore the Prehistoric Past



**JOHN DAY FOSSIL BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT** is located in north-central Oregon. All three units are close to the four major

highways crossing this region: Interstate 84, U.S. 395, U.S. 26, and U.S. 97. The main visitor center is located at the *Sheep Rock Unit*.



Three separate units make up the National Monument: the *Sheep Rock Unit*, the *Painted Hills Unit*,

and the *Clarno Unit*. The map shows the location of each of the separate sections of the park.



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National Monument



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## A Monument to the Past

The fossil beds of the upper John Day Basin preserve a unique record of ancient life. Bones, leaves, wood, nuts, and seeds are fossilized in deposits of volcanic ash spanning the last 50 million years of earth's history. They paint a fascinating panorama of the Age of Mammals — the time between the extinction of the Dinosaurs and the beginning of the Ice Age.

## Preserved for the Future

Scientists have learned much from the fossils found here, but much more remains to be uncovered and studied. New finds are recovered from the fossil beds every year. You may watch as scientists prepare specimens for study and display. These scenic and scientific treasures are yours to enjoy now and forever.

### **Tour**

*a historic ranch house of the 1920s.*

### **Watch**

*scientists free ancient skeletons from rock.*

### **Explore**

*along exciting, colorful trails.*

### **Picnic**

*amid scenic splendor.*

